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Two 40-meter broadcast intruders gone!

The IARU Region 1 Monitoring System (IARUMS) reports that two long-time broadcast intruders on 40 metres are gone. IARUMS Coordinator Wolf Hadel, DK2OM, said in the August IARUMS newsletter that Radio Hargeisa in the Republic of Somaliland on 7,120 MHz, and Radio Ethiopia on 7,140 MHz, departed the band during the last week of August. "We will not miss them," he commented.

IARUMS did report increasing military traffic on 7 and 14 MHz, "especially on digital modes from Russia and China." In addition, a wideband over-the-horizon (OTH) radar in China has caused serious problems on 20 meters, while an Iranian radar on 28,860 MHz "could be heard under sporadic E conditions." German telecommunications authorities have filed a formal complaint.

Wolf Hadel said a Russian Navy system believed to be in Moscow appeared on 7,182 MHz on F1A, a 200 Hz shift, identifying as RDL. German telecommunications authorities were notified.

Wolf Hadel also reported "childish behaviour" by amateurs in western and eastern Ukraine "insulting each other or playing music every day" on 7.055 MHz (LSB).

Reports of amateur band intruders can be submitted via the IARU Region 1 Monitoring System Logger at <http://peditio.net/intruder/bluechat.cgi>

South African Radio League 80 m QSO Party

The aim of these contests is to create an interest in and activity on the 80-m band. It is a phone only contest and runs from 17:00 to 20:00 UTC on Thursday 4 October 2018.

Only frequencies in the segment 3 603 to 3 650 and 3 700 to 3 800 kHz may be used, the segment 3 651 to 3 699.99 is contest free. The exchange is your call sign, a RS signal report and your name. You can participate as a Single Operator station or as Short Wave Listener (SWL).

September

- 17 – closing date for NFD logs
- 18 and 19 - Yom Kippur
- 18 Sept 1918 - The Battle of Square Hill
- 21 to 22 Karoo to Coast cycle race, Langkloof
- 22 – Cape Town ARC meeting; Steam Weekend at Sandstone Estate, Ficksburg
- 22 to 24 – Vetplantfees, Calitzdorp
- 22 to 30 – the Magoebaskloof Spring Festival, Haenertsburg
- 23 – Spring Equinox; Gabrels Kloof Fire Food, Overberg
- 24 – National Heritage Day and National Braai day; Closing date VHF/UHF Digital logs; Closing date for October Radio ZS
- 27 - World Maritime Day and World Tourism Day
- 28 – Provincial schools close
- 28 to 30 – SA National Sheepdog Championships, Caledon
- 29 and 30 - CQ WW RTTY contest; the Strawberry Festival, George

October

- 1 – closing date for Africa All Mode logs
- 4 – SARL 80 m QSO Party
- 6 – East Rand Branch Flea Market
- 6 and 7 – the AWA Valve QSO Party
- 9 – Provincial schools open
- 11 – closing date for 80 m QSO logs
- 11 to 13 – The Groot Plaaspoer, Stellenbosch
- 13 – October RAE; the Spring QRP Contest; Voet van Afrika Marathon, Bredasdorp
- 19 to 21 – Jamboree on the Air; Talana Live, Dundee; Herman Charles Bosman Weekend, Groot Marico
- 20 – CQ Hou Koers
- 21 – National Garden Day
- 27 and 28 – CQ WW DX SSB Contest; Cape Town ARC Meeting; Pretoria ARC Flea Market; International Kite Festival, Muizenberg

November

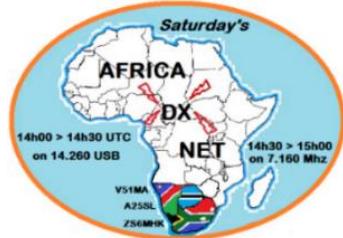
- 16 to 18 – Cherry Festival, Ficksburg
- 16 and 17 – Steam Weekend at Sandstone Estate, Ficksburg

You earn 10 points for every QSO with a South African station and 15 points for every QSO with a station outside South Africa. Log sheets in MS Excel format ONLY shall be submitted by 11 October 2018 by e-mail to 2779660008@vodamail.co.za. PLEASE take note that the e-mail address has changed!

African DX

Contacts with stations on the African continent count towards the SARL's All Africa Award (www.sarl.org.za/public/awards/awards.asp)

Tanzania, 5H. Maurizio, IK2GZU, will once again return to the "Mission Ilembula" to do some work at the new hospital and orphanage between 24 October and 28 November. He plans to be active during his spare time as 5H3MB on various HF bands. Maurizio will use his FT-100 and the mission's TS-850 into a tri-band 3 element beam (20, 15 and 10 m) fixed on Europe and a vertical or dipole for the other bands. QSL via IK2GZU, direct or by the Bureau. Also, QSL via LoTW (after his return home) and eQSL. For more details, updates and an online log, visit his Web pages at www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/Tanzania%202011.htm and www.buffoli-pm.it/5h/qsl%20request.htm



Lesotho, 7P. Rune, LA7THA, Rune, announced that he is currently building a team for a DXpedition to Lesotho (7P8) to be active during the first part of March 2019. Activity will be approximately 10 days with a focus on the low bands. License application has already been received and the QTH selected. Rune is currently waiting for confirmation, but everything so far looks positive. A Web site will be announced later. He plans to use M0OXO's new online/direct upload. QSL via M0OXO.

African Islands

IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz



Mauritius, 3B8. Hans, PA3HGT, is now active as 3B8/PA3HGT from Mauritius (AF-049) until 24 September. Activity will be holiday style on 40, 20 and 10 metres using mostly SSB and possibly some Digital modes. Equipment will be an Icom IC-7100 into an End-Fed antenna. QSL via his home call sign, direct or by the Bureau. No LoTW or eQSL; he prefers a real card!

Tristan Da Cunha, ZD9. Operator James, 9V1YC, Decla, EI6FR and Patrick, EI9HX will be active as ZD9EI (pending) from Tristan da Cunha Island (AF-029) next year in September 2019. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS. Look for more details to be forthcoming.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 10 to 17 September 2018

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest
01:00 - 03:00 UTC 17 September

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23 September 2018

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://qrpcontest.com/pigrun/>

Phone Fray

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 19 September

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 21 September 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Con-test_Rules.pdf

CWops Mini-CWT Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC 19 September and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 19 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 20 September
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 22 September 2018
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.cwops.org/cwt.html

RSGB 80 m Autumn Series, CW
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 19 September
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no. and your name
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 22 September 2018
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2018/rautumn.shtml

NAQCC CW Sprint
00:30 - 02:30 UTC 20 September
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 23 September 2018
E-mail logs to: naqcc33@windstream.net and jcoreyc@gmail.com
Upload log at: http://naqcc.info/sprint_submit_log.html
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://naqcc.info/sprint/sprint201809.html>

NCCC RTTY Sprint
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 21 September
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23 September 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/rttyns.html

NCCC Sprint Ladder
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 21 September
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23 September 2018
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://nccsprint.com/ladder.html>

AGB NEMIGA Contest
21:00 - 24:00 UTC 21 September
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB, Digital
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB or mixed; Single Op Mixed QRP; Multi-Op; Digital; One Hour; SWL
Exchange: AGB Member: RST, QSO no and member no; non-Member: RST and QSO no
Work stations: Once per mode per 15-minute period (see rules)
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 5 points per QSO with AGB member
Multipliers: Each AGB member once; Each DXCC/WAE country once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 21 October 2018
E-mail logs to: eu1eu@mail.ru
Mail logs to: Igor "Harry" Getmann, EU1EU, PO Box 143, Minsk 220005, Belarus
Find rules at: www.ev5agb.com/contest/agb_nemiga.htm

FOC QSO Party
00:00 - 23:59 UTC 22 September
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, VHF
Classes: Single Op
Exchange: FOC-Member: RST, name and member no; non-Members: RST and name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: FOC-Member: Score = Total QSOs/Total Member QSOs

non-Member: Score = Total Member QSOs
Submit logs by: 6 October 2018
E-mail log summary to: kz5d@aol.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: http://g4foc.org/qso_party/

UK/EI DX SSB Contest
12:00 UTC 22 September to 12:00 UTC 23 September
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op Unconnected - 24 or 12 - QRP, low or high; Single Op Connected - 24 or 12 - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W
Exchange: UK/EI: RS, serial no and District Code; DX: RS and serial no
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each UK/EI district once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 12:00 UTC 24 September 2018
Upload log at: <http://logs.ukeicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl?Contest=DX%20SSB%20Contest>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ukeicc.com/which-contest/uk-ei-dx-contest-rules

Maine QSO Party
12:00 UTC 22 September to 12:00 UTC 23 September
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Mobile - low; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Multi
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: ME: RS(T) and county; non-ME: RS(T) and (state/province/"DX")
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with ME stations; 1 point per QSO with non-ME stations
Multipliers: ME counties, states, provinces, DXCC countries once per band per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 8 October 2018
E-mail logs to: maineqso@maine.qso.org
Mail logs to: Wireless Society of Southern Maine, Maine QSO Party, c/o Thom Watson, PO Box 6833, Scarborough, ME 04074, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.ws1sm.com/MEQP.html>

North American SSB Sprint Contest
00:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 September
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: North America
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max operating hours: 4 hours
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state and DC (including KL7 and KH6) once; Each VE province once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 30 September 2018
E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)
Upload log at: <http://ssbsprint.com/submit-log/>

Mail logs to: Robert Hayes, KW8N, 9192 Bender Rd,

N. Ridgeville, OH 44039, USA

Find rules at: <http://ssbsprint.com/rules/>

Classic Exchange CW
13:00 UTC 23 September to 07:00 UTC 24 September and 13:00 UTC 25 September to 07:00 UTC 26 September
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
Classes: (see rules)
Exchange: Name, RST, state, province or country and rcvr/xmtr manuf/model
Work stations: Once per band per mode per rcr/xmtr manuf/model
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = sum (total mode QSO points x total mode mults) and Bonus Points
Submit logs by: 1 November 2018
E-mail logs to: k2rp@arrl.net
Mail logs to: K2RP, 659 Shanas Lane, Encinitas, CA 92024, USA
Find rules at: http://www.classicexchange.org/sep18/Fall_2018_CX_Rules.pdf

Next Week's Contests

Classic Exchange CW, 13:00 UTC 23 September to 07:00 UTC 24 September and 13:00 UTC 25 September to 07:00 UTC 26 September
SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 26 September
Phone Fray, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 26 September
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 September
UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 26 September
RSGB 80 m Autumn Series, Data, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 27 September
NCCC RTTY Sprint, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 28 September
NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 28 September
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY 00:00 UTC 29 September to 24:00 UTC 20 September
Feld Hell Sprint, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 29 September
Texas QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 29 September to 02:00 UTC 30 September and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 September
Classic Exchange Phone, 13:00 UTC 30 September to 07:00 UTC 1 October and 13:00 UTC 2 October to 07:00 UTC 3 October
IQRP Quarterly Marathon, 08:00 UTC 1 October to 20:00 UTC 7 October
ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 2 October

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